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SUBJECT: UNFICYP REDUCTIONS

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1. AS POSTS AWARE, US HAS STRONG INTEREST IN ACHIEVING FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN UNFICYP FORCE LEVELS AFTER PHASE II REDUCTIONS COMPLETED. WE BELIEVE HOST GOVTS ARE GENERALLY AWARE FROM US STATEMENTS DURING LAST TWO UNSC MEETINGS THAT WE HAVE SUPPORTED SYG'S INTENTION, AS OUTLINED IN DECEMBER 1973 REPORT TO SC, TO CONVERT UNFICYP TO "AN INTERMEDIATE SIZED MIXED OPERATION COMPRISING BOTH GROUND TROOPS AND OBSERVATION/RECONNAISSANCE TEAMS" WHICH
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WOULD EMPHASIZE "PREVENTIVE ACTION AND MEASURES SUCH AS

NEGOTIATION AND PERSUASION, RATHER THAN MILITARY DEPLOYMENT AND INTERPOSITION OF MILITARY FORCES ON THE GROUND." (US DID NOT, OF COURSE, ACCEPT THE PREREQUISITES SYG SAID WERE NECESSARY BEFORE UNFICYP COULD BE CONVERTED ALONG THESE LINES.) WHILE WE HAVE NOT YET REACHED FINAL CONCLUSIONS ON STRUCTURE OR SIZE OF UNFICYP ULTIMATELY REQUIRED FOR THIS PURPOSE, IT IS CLEAR FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL CUTS BEYOND PHASE II WILL BE NECESSARY AND FEASIBLE.

2. ATTITUDES OF PARTIES WILL OF COURSE BE CRUCIAL TO CHANCES OF FURTHER PROGRESS IN REDUCTIONS IN POST-PHASE II

PERIOD. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE DISAPPOINTED IN TURK GOV REPLY TO UNSYG (USUN 821) AND BELIEVE TURKS IN PARTICULAR AND OTHERS AS APPROPRIATE SHOULD BE LEFT IN NO DOUBT OF USG POSITION ON FURTHER REDUCTIONS. HOWEVER, WE DOUBT GOT SERIOUSLY INTENDS TO DISRUPT CURRENT SITUATION IN CYPRUS AND BELIEVE ITS RECENT REPLY TO SYG DESIGNED LARGELY TO ESTABLISH A RECORD TO SHIFT RESPONSIBILITY TO OTHERS SHOULD SITUATION DETERIORATE IN WAKE OF UNFICYP REDUCTIONS, AND TO DISCOURAGE SYG AND OTHERS FROM RESPONDING TO PRESSURE FOR FURTHER UNFICYP CUTS. DEPT CONCURS IN SECRETARIAT SUGGESTION THAT US REMIND TURKS THAT PHASE II REDUCTIONS SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT AS ENVISAGED BY THE SYG AND THAT MAINTENANCE OF STABLE CONDITIONS IN CYPRUS IS RESPONSIBILITY OF PARTIES.

3. FOR ANKARA: IN LIGHT FOREGOING REQUEST YOU MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS TO FORMIN OFFICIALS IN COURSE OF ONGOING DISCUSSIONS OF CYPRUS ISSUE:

A. USG STRONGLY SUPPORTS UN IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE II REDUCTIONS, WHICH WE BELIEVE ARE CONSISTENT WITH FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL REALITIES OF UNFICYP, AND POLITICAL REALITIES IN CYPRUS;

B. REDUCTIONS PER SE POSE NO INHERENT THREAT TO PREVAILING INTERCOMMUNAL SITUATION;

C. USG BELIEVES SYG PRECONDITIONS UNNECESSARY AND
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LOOKS TO PARTIES TO EXERCISE SPECIAL VIGILANCE TO PREVENT INCIDENTS;

D. WE WILL CONTINUE TO URGE THE UN AND INTERESTED COUNTRIES TO MOVE SOON TOWARD REDUCING UNFICYP'S SIZE AND RESHAPING ITS STRUCTURE TO MAKE THE FORCE CONSISTENT WITH ITS ACTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

4. FOR USUN: YOU SHOULD DRAW ON FOREGOING AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF UN SECRETARIAT AND AT YOUR DISCRETION WITH CANADIAN AND BRITISH UN MISSIONS TO STRESS USG FAVORS ADDITIONAL, POST-PHASE II REDUCTIONS IN UNFICYP AND HOPES SYG REPORT TO SC IN JUNE WILL OUTLINE FURTHER ACTION IN THIS REGARD FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN SECOND HALF OF 1974. MISSION MAY WISH TO INQUIRE WHETHER SECRETARIAT PLANNING FOR POST-PHASE II PERIOD IS UNDERWAY AND HOW IT VIEWS SUCH ASPECTS AS SIZE, STRUCTURE, FUNCTIONS, MANDATE, COMPOSITION, AND DEPLOYMENT OF POST-PHASE II UNFICYP. YOU MAY ADD WE WOULD APPRECIATE UN SECRETARIAT ASSESSMENT AS INPUT TO OUR OWN DETAILED CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE UNFICYP AND WILL WISH TO EXCHANGE MORE DETAILED VIEWS

AND CONCLUSIONS IN NEAR FUTURE WITH UN AND TROOP CONTRIBUTORS REGARDING POSSIBLE CHARACTERISTICS AND ROLE OF FUTURE UNFICYP.

5. FOR LONDON AND OTTAWA: YOU MAY DRAW ON ANY OF FOREGOING IF SUBJECT RAISED BY HOST GOVTS.

6. FOR ATHENS AND NICOSIA: IF YOU BELIEVE IT WOULD SERVE USEFUL PURPOSE, YOU MAY INFORM HOST GOVTS OF USG VIEWS AS FUTURE UNFICYP REDUCTIONS PER PARAS 1 AND 3 ABOVE.

7. FOR ALL POSTS: WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS ON ANY ASPECT THIS SUBJECT AND IN PARTICULAR WOULD LIKE NICOSIA'S CURRENT THINKING ON OPTIMUM SIZE, COMPOSITION AND DEPLOYMENT OF INTERMEDIARY PHASE III UNFICYP AS WELL AS OF FUTURE UNFICYP IN MAGNITUDE OF 500-1000.

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